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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<i>Office Action Summary</i>	Application No. 10/707,719	Applicant(s) ROZYCKI ET AL.
Examiner Tam Nguyen	Art Unit 3764	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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## Status

- 1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.

2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                    2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## **Disposition of Claims**

- 4)  Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6)  Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.

7)  Claim(s) 1-4 is/are objected to.

8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, (PTO-948)  
3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_  
4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_  
5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Objections***

1. Claims 1-4 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1 comprises more than one sentence. Each claim may only comprise one sentence.

Claim 4, line 1-2, delete "the means of detaching" and insert --a means of detaching--.

Claims 2-4 are also objected to for being dependent on an objected base claim.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McClure et al. (6,805,364).

2. As to claims 1-4, McClure discloses a device that can be connected to a snow board, the device comprising a connecting component (50), connecting means (screws in Fig. 3), a horizontal and vertical rotational means/component (26), and a handle component (20) with detachment means (22) wherein the handle can rotate vertically and horizontally (see Figs. 1-3). The language of claim 1 pertaining to the method of use of the device has been ignored since that language merely speaks to the intended use. The language of claim 2 regarding the preference for the use of existing

snowboard binding screw holes has been ignored because that clause was merely a preference and the snowboard is not part of the invention. That is, a snowboard has not been positively recited as being part of the invention.

***Conclusion***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Graham '657 discloses a snow board having an adjustable training attachment.

Farrally-Plourde '414 disclose a ski device having a steerable handle.

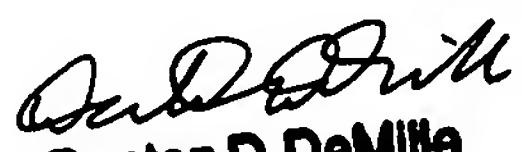
Favorito et al. '516 disclose an exercise device having an adjustable steering handle.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tam Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4979. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Huson can be reached on 571-272-4979. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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May 30, 2005

  
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